

## Do We Want War?

**Labor Does Not, as it is a Source of Profit Only to the Rich.**

Do we want war? We of the working class answer in the negative. We of the working class certainly do not want war. The red specter of war, the killing of working men by working men to satisfy the proud ambitions of the criminal ruling class and the rapacity of the profit-monger class, has no charm for us. We regard with suspicion, the insidious efforts of those who fill the air and the newspapers with whisperings of danger and with cries of "preparedness."

We suspect ulterior motives in this wretched jingo business, feeling that the contemptible war cry and "preparedness" preaching have for their sole purpose the suppression of the economic and industrial unrest that exists, and that is bound to become widespread, in this land. The masters, whose reprehensible methods create unrest, hope to smother it by shouting "The Philistines are upon thee, oh, Samson, war is approaching, beware, prepare!" They hope to counteract menacing unrest by pointing to the menace of war. Suspecting this, we of the working class refuse to become enthused over the "preparedness" movement and to be drawn into what we regard as a deceitful design and a subverting of the real issue.

Moreover, we know war is highly desired by those to whom war means profits and dividends and gold-filled coffers. War is a source of profit to them, but only death and destruction to us, the working class. We say to the lords of the industries, the money changers in the Temple of Mammon, the manipulators of profits, the exploiters of labor—we say to them: If there is discontent and unrest and brewing revolt in this land, you, and you alone, are the cause of it; you are responsible for it—you by your pernicious methods have brought it on.

The unrest is the result of the methods of your harsh and ruthless reign and of your cruel conspiracies against labor. You have used your wealth and your power not in the elevation, but in the enslaving and crushing, of labor. In saying this we but repeat what the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations has incorporated in its official report after a long and painstaking investigation of your methods. And you wonder why there is unrest and talk of revolt among your victims! The charges we have brought against you are verified in the report of the Federal Commission, and you stand indicted. We made it clear to you that it was not your wealth, but your ways of squeezing wealth and of those who toil for you that labor despised. We hate not wealth, but wealth's way; the way it crushes protest; the way it violates the law; the way it manipulates the press; the way it controls the legislatures and corrupts them; the way it packs juries

and intimidates judges; the way it defies authority and falsifies records and history; the way it laughs at law and evades punishment; the way it manipulates elections and wins privileges; the way it employs pulpit and police to silence opposition; the way it sends innocent men to prison for life and makes use of gunmen to crush lawful picketing and strikes; the way it defies and strangles the will of the people and extracts tribute from their pockets—wealth's contemptuous and arrogant way—the cause of resentment and unrest.

When the rebuke came from labor, at conventions and mass-meetings, the lords of the industries and the cabals of gold branded them as just so much impudence, so much arrogance and so much treason. What can they say when they read these very charges in the report of the Government investigators, in the statement of the Federal Commission? Are these officials, commissioned by the United States Government, also liars and slanderers? For these officials, in their report, charge "that they, the employers, have resorted to questionable methods to prevent their workers from organizing; that they have attempted to defeat democracy by more or less successfully controlling the courts and legislatures; that they have exploited women and children and unorganized workers; that they have resorted to all sorts of methods to prevent the enactment of remedial legislation; that they have employed gunmen in strikes who were disreputable characters, and who assaulted innocent people and committed other crimes most reprehensible in character; that they have paid lower wages than competitive conditions warranted; that they have worked their people long hours and under unsanitary and dangerous conditions; that they have exploited prison labor at the expense of free labor; that they have been contract-breakers with labor; that they have attempted, through the authorities, to suppress free speech and the right of peaceful assembly; that they have deliberately and for selfish ends bribed representatives of labor; and that all of these things tend to produce industrial unrest with all its consequent and far-reaching ills."

Kindly bear in mind that it is the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations that makes the charges, giving the reason for the "industrial unrest with all its consequent and far-reaching ills," and that the commission only confirms what we have repeatedly pointed out in our press and our forum. Remove the causes, and unrest, as an excuse for pernicious and criminal war agitation, will disappear. The workers want peace, freedom from industrial oppression and a larger, better life. To them the jingo is a vile, unholy and pernicious creature. —Labor Review, Augusta, Ga.

### Deadly Chemical Bombs.

Hydrocyanic acid, known as prussic acid, is so poisonous that a mere breath of it means instant death. Sulphuric anhydride when brought into contact with the air combines rapidly with moisture absorbed from the air, producing sulphuric acid. Thrown in a bomb with just explosive charge enough to disrupt the bomb and scatter the sulphuric anhydride, the air for a large space about the explosion would be at once converted into a dense fog of sulphuric acid. Liquid ammonia, similarly employed, would instantly so impregnate the atmosphere with ammonia as to strangle all persons in the immediate vicinity. Ammonia is absolutely irrespirable.

### Specifications.

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Albert E. Jones  
President Street Car Men's Association,  
Surprised His Friends by Getting Married.

of that body: Albert E. Jones, Chas. Sampson, Albert Hanbrock, John Downing and Henry Bremen.

When the party met at the depot, Mr. Jones was accompanied with a strange lady; all the boys were guessing who she was, but when they found out that she was going to, they got together and one of them was sent over to find out from Jones who she was. He replied: "That's my wife; I was married this morning." Thus he put one over on the entire party and saved the stay-at-homes some change which would have been spent for rice.

Good luck, old boy; remember, "Jones pays the freight."

### A Spiny Monster.

For sheer ferocity of appearance, unredeemed by any milder facial attributes, a lizard called after "Moloch horrid king" Moloch horridus is pre-eminent among reptiles. The body of this Australian reptile is so covered with spines that, as it has been put, nature seems to have endeavored to ascertain how many spines could be inserted on a given space. But, unlike its tutelary deity, who seems really to have spelled himself Moloch, the lizard does not demand the blood of children. It is, indeed, vegetarian and only fiery in that it has a curious faculty of absorbing and drying up water. A specimen placed in a shallow dish attracted the water like blotting paper.

### Peculiarities of Russian Winters.

There is one curious thing about a Russian winter—in the latter part of October or the beginning of November the weather will be quite mild. Not a sign can be seen of an approaching change, then suddenly, without any apparent warning, a light haze will be seen in the northern sky, and in twenty-four hours the thermometer may fall 50 degrees. The change is so sudden and violent that travelers are frequently frozen to death before they can gain shelter. It has occurred that farmers out looking after their flocks have been caught in one of these blizzards and, missing their way home, have lost their lives, their bodies remaining under the snow until spring.

### Ceilings and Ventilation.

Rooms with low ceilings or with ceilings even with the window tops are susceptible of more perfect ventilation than those with high ceilings. In such rooms the leakage at the windows, which is constantly going on, keeps the air in motion throughout the room, whereas if the ceiling is higher only the lower part of the air is moved, and an inverted lake of foul and hot air is left floating in the space above the window tops. This lake keeps actively at work, fouling the fresh currents circulating beneath it.

### A Costly Waterloo Medal.

Mr. Steward has included in "War Medals and Their History" a special account of the famous Waterloo medal of Pistrucci, which originated from the desire of George IV in 1819 to commemorate the victory by the issue of a specially fine medal. Flaxman designed it, but Pistrucci, the chief engraver at the royal mint, refused to cut the dies and was himself commissioned to prepare a modeled design, which, being approved, he was instructed to cut the dies for a fee of £3,500. The dies were not finished until 1849, and of the men who were to receive the medal in gold the Duke of Wellington was the only survivor when the first impression was taken.

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### A Poetic Simile.

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"What a beautiful sight," he exclaimed, "to see your two little boys thus! Such brotherly love is as rare as it is exquisite."

The Chicagoan nodded in assent. "Yes," said he, "those boys are as inseparable as a pair of pants."—Harper's Magazine.

### Persuasive.

Far from concealing anything of pertinency to the issue, the old serpent freely confessed that if Eve should eat the apple it meant clothes from that time forward.

"But," he argued and never more cogently, "clothes will be something to talk about when you are tired of the weather and don't happen to be particularly brainy."

And the first mother, bethinking her how many of her daughters were destined to find themselves in suchwise circumstances, thereupon yielded the point, with what result is only too well known to the present generation of mankind.—Boston Journal.

### Sizing Up His Customer.

A dejected, sallow, friendless looking, low spirited man walked into the grocery store.

"I want some clothesline," he said hesitatingly.

"Watcher want it for?" asked the man behind the counter.

"To hang clothes on. The old lady's washing today."

"She is, eh?" said the shopkeeper, giving his customer the once over from head to foot. "Well, you go back and tell her to come down here and get it herself. The only way a fellow looking like you do can buy rope from me is on a prescription."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### Birds' Songs.

A French writer says that notwithstanding the fact of their simplicity the songs of birds can not be imitated with musical instruments because of the impossibility of reproducing their peculiar timbre. The notes of birds, while corresponding with our musical scale, also include vibrations occupying the intervals between our notes. The duration of birds' songs is usually very short, two or three seconds for thrushes and chaffinches, four or five seconds for blackbirds, but from two to five minutes for the lark.

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